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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN CONCERN OVER FUTURE U.S. POLICIES

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1. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR RUSMIN WAS SUMMONED TO JAKARTA ON CONSULTATION LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS INDONESIAN CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS OF NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT MILITARY AID AND INVESTMENT.

2. I HAD OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH RUSMIN DECEMBER 31. HE HAD SEEN PRESIDENT SUHARTO DAY BEFORE. PRESIDENT HAD SOUGHT FROM RUSMIN HIS OWN EVALUATION OF FUTURE U.S. POLICIES AND AT SAME TIME EXPRESSED TO RUSMIN HIS CONCERN THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS LESS INTERESTED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. RUSMIN TOLD ME HE SOUGHT TO REASSURE SUHARTO THAT, GIVEN APPOINTMENTS PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER HAD MADE AND RUSMIN'S OWN UNDERSTANDING OF WASHINGTON SCENE, INDONESIA SHOULD NOT
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EXPECT MAJOR CHANGES IN DIRECTIONS U. S. POLICY. RUSMIN SAID HE DOUBTS PRESIDENT IS YET FULLY REASSURED.

4. SUHARTO'S CONCERN SEEMS TO STEM FROM THREE ELEMENTS:

(1) NEITHER SOUTHEAST ASIA NOR INDONESIA CONSPICUOUSLY MENTIONED IN CAMPAIGN DISCUSSIONS OF FOREIGN POLICY; (2) PRESIDENT'S FEARS ADMINISTRATION WILL REFLECT GENERAL ANTAG-

ONISM TOWARD MILITARY AID WHICH HAS BEEN MANIFESTED IN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS; (3) HIS CONCERN THAT, BECAUSE OF STRONG INFLUENCE OF AFL-CIO, FOREIGN INVESTMENT WILL BE CONTROLLED AND CURTAILED. (THIS ECHOES SAME WORRY APPARENTLY EXPRESSED BY SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE REPORTED IN KUALA LUMPUR 7522.)

5. RUSMIN SAID THAT HE HAD TRIED TO REASSURE PRESIDENT BY POINTING OUT THAT ISSUES MENTIONED DURING CAMPAIGN, SUCH AS RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS, CHINA AND MIDDLE EAST, REPRESENTED CRISIS AREAS AND THAT FACT MORE PEACEFUL AREAS NOT MENTIONED DID NOT SUGGEST THEY WOULD BE NEGLECTED BY NEW ADMINISTRATION. ON MILITARY AID, WHILE RECOGNIZING PRECARIOUSNESS OF GRANT AID, RUSMIN SAID HE STRESSED FACT THAT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS WAS CONTINUING TO APPROVE BOTH GRANT AID AND FMS FOR INDONESIA. ON INVESTMENT, RUSMIN SAID HE FELT PRESIDENT'S WORRIES WERE UNFOUNDED AND THAT IN LAST ANALYSIS ANALYSIS IT WOULD BE INDONESIAN POLICIES, NOT U.S. POLICIES, WHICH WOULD BE IMPORTANT.

6 PRESIDENT APPARENTLY DID NOT EXPRESS SIMILAR FEARS WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EXPRESS TO RUSMIN IMPORTANCE OF AND APPRECIATION FOR PL-480.

7 WHEN I ASKED RUSMIN WHETHER HE HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING HOW NEW ADMINISTRATION MIGHT FURTHER REASSURE SUHARTO RE U.S. INTEREST IN SEAN RUSMIN SAID MOST IMPORTANT THING WAS TO GET SOME POSITIVE REFERENCE TO INDONESIA OR SOUTHEAST ASIA IN PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL SPEECH. SUHARTO HAD SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED HIM TO PURSUE THIS THROUGH HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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WASHINGTON CONTACTS. RUSMIN SAID THAT SINCE HE AND OTHER DIPLOMATS ARE NOT ABLE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY YET TO MEMBERS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION, HE WOULD BE WORKING PRIMARILY THROUGH ACQUAINTANCES IN BROOKINGS INSTITUTE. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY FRED BERGSTROM.

8. RUSMIN SAID PRESIDENT ALSO ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO WHETHER NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUPPORT MORE FAVORABLE TERMS FOR FMS FOR INDONESIA (REPAYMENT PERIOD OF AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS).

9. I TOLD RUSMIN I THOUGHT HIS RESPONSES TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO WERE VERY APPROPRIATE. INEVITABLY NEW PRESIDENT MUST CONCENTRATE ON MOST CRITICAL ISSUES AND, FORTUNATELY, SOUTHEAST ASIA DOES NOT FALL IN THAT CATEGORY. I CAUTIONED RUSMIN THAT INAUGURATION ADDRESS IS SOMETIMES VERY GENERAL IN NATURE AND THAT ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC AREAS SHOULD AGAIN NOT BE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF NEGLECT. NEW PRESIDENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE MAKING OTHER STATEMENTS,

INCLUDING MESSAGES TO CONGRESS, IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE MORE DETAILED OUTLINE OF FOREIGN POLICIES.

10. COMMENT: WE HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH SEVERAL SOURCES SIMILAR INDICATIONS OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S WORRIES ABOUT DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL ATTACH TO RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA AND OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. WE BELIEVE REFERENCE TO IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH U.S. REGARDS FRIENDSHIP OF THESE NATIONS AND THEIR POSITIVE ROLE IN AREA WOULD BE HELPFUL IN EARLY PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. ABSENCE ANY REFERENCE TO THIS AREA IN INITIAL POLICY STATEMENTS WILL BE SEEN AS CHANGE OF VIEW WHETHER SUCH CONCLUSION JUSTIFIED OR NOT.

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